



POLICY 701 -- INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The school district shall use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Integrated Pest Management is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information to design and implement effective pest control methods that are currently perceived to be economically and environmentally sound. IPM promotes prevention over remediation and it advocates the integration of at least two strategies to achieve long-term solutions.

Integrated Pest Management establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, physical, and chemical tools to minimize economic, health, and environmental risks.

The Board establishes that the school district shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness, and costs.

The Administration shall adopt an Integrated Pest Management Plan for district buildings and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for implementing integrated pest management procedures and to coordinate communications between the district and the pest management contractors.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for notifying parents and guardians annually of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.

Personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall have sufficient up-to-date training.

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site-appropriate pesticides.

An integrated pest management decision shall consist of the following five (5) steps:

1. Identify pest species.
2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.
3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.
4. Assess effectiveness of pest management.
5. Keep appropriate records.

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When pesticide applications are scheduled in school buildings and on school grounds, the district shall provide notification in accordance with law, including:

1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area
2. Providing the pest control information to all individuals working in the school building
3. Providing required notice to a list of parents and guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the school district may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent and guardian who has requested such notification.

The school district shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the school district's Administration Office.